

By the King.

A PROCLAMATION

For the preventing of the Exportation of Wools, Wool-Fells, Woollen-Yarn, Fullers-Earth, and other Scouring Earths, out of this Kingdom.

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ORASPUCH as the making of Mollen-Cloth, and other Pannfactures of Mol, which hath been, and is the great Staple-Trade of this Kingdom, (where-by the Commerce of this Kingdom, and many thouland Families therein have been, and are puncipally maintained and upheld) hath nevertheless of late years been much impaired and decayed; And whereas it is apparent, That the Exportation of Mols, Mol-fells, Parn made of Mol, Fullers-Earth, and other scouring Earths, are a great means and occasion of such decay of the said Trade, by enabling the Forreign making of Cloth, and thereby hindering the Aent of Our Clothes made within this Our Realm of England:

and deliring to advance the Wealth of Dur People, and to provide an effectual remedy against such a growing evil, at the humble request of the Lords and Commons in Parliament assembled, have thought six, and

do by this Dur.Proclamation, streightly charge, prohibite, and command, That no manner of Mols, Wolfells, Parn made of Moll, Fullers-earth, or other stouring Earths whatsoever, be at any time or times hereafter, by any person or persons, whether natural born Subject, Denizen, or Stranger, exported, transported, or sent out of this Dur Realm of England, Dominion of Wales, or the Town or Port of Berwick upon Twede, or any the Jsles, Ports, Creeks, or places thereof, into the Kingdom of Scotland, or into any foreign parts beyond the Seas, upon pain of Dur highest indignation, and the severe Penalties that by the Laws and Statutes of this Dur Realm may be inflicted as well upon the Offenders themselves, as their

Aiders, Piocurers, Abettois, and Kabozers:

And to the end, that all Cultomers, Officers, and Pinisters, in or about the Ports of England, may more strictly look to the observance of Our Will and Pleasure hereby lignified, for the benefit and advantage of this Our Kingdom; the do hereby further streightly charge and command, That if any Officer or Pinister of or belonging to Our Customs or Ports, or attending at any the Habens, Creeks, or places adjacent, or carrying to the Sea, shall consent or connive at the unlawful Exportation of the Premises, or any of them; that then every such Customer, Officer, or Pinister, who shall offend in any of the Premises, shall not onely forfeit his Office, place, and employment, but shall also incur all other the pains and penalties aforesaid. And if any Pinister or Officer of or in any Ship or other Cellel, shall permit and suffer any Mools, Moolsfells, or any other of the Premises to be transported in any Ship, Bottom, or other Cellel wherein or whereof he shall be Paster or other Officer, That then every person so offending shall be subject to such pain and penalty as aforesaid.

And the do hereby further command and enjoyn, That not any more or greater quantity of Moll-Kells, Mollen-Parn, Kullers-Earth, or other scouring Earths, be sent or conveyed into the Islands of Jersey, Guernsey, Sarck, or Alderney, other then the proportions of Moll following, viz. Two thousand Tod for Jersey, One thousand Tod for Guernsey, Two hundred Tod for the Islands, and One hundred Tod

for the Alle of Sarck, which is to be employed for the use and manufacture of the laid Allands.

And for the better and more certain execution of this Dur Will and Plealure, We do hereby likewise command, That no transportation of any Woll, Wol-fells, or other the Premises, be permitted into the said Islands, but upon god Bonds, with sufficient Sureties, responsal and resident within this Realm; for whose sufficiency, the Officers of Dur Customs taking the same Bonds, will be answerable for the landing of the same. In which Bonds the number and weight of the Bags or Sacks of Wol, the number of Wol-fells, and weight of Mollen-parn, the quantity of fulling Earth, and other scouring Earth shall be set dolon. And the Bovernors and other Officers upon the said Islands, are hereby required and streight be enjoyned to take special care, That what Woll, Wol-fells, Wollen-parn, Fulling, or other scouring Earths, shall be so landed, be not reshipped thence into any foreign parts.

And for the better regulating of so much of the aforesaid Premistes as shall be permitted to be transported to the aforesaid Islands, when do further streightly charge and command. That the same and every part thereof be shipped onely at Dur Ports of Southampson, Weymouth, or Pool, and from no other Port, Haven, Craft, or place unhappener. And in case there be now in force any former Licences or Authorities hereto.

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fore given and granted by any of Dur Predecessors for Transportation of Wolls, or any other the Premisses, The do hereby disamul the same, and are resolved that none such shall be by Us granted for the future.

Lastly, For the better encouragement of all such as shall take care and pains to disclose or make discovery of the frauds and other practices to evade and defeat the true intention of this Dur Proclamation, Dur further will and pleasure is, That every such person that shall be the first discoverer of such Offender, shall be rewarded with the moyety, or one half of such sums of money, and other forfeiture as shall come unto Us, by reason of any the offences asoresaid: Giving also charge and command, that all persons of what degree, quality, or place soever, to whom it shall appertain, do disgently observe, and readily assist the due performance of this Dur Proclamation in all things.

Given at Our Court at Whitehal the Fifteenth day of September, in the Twelfth year of Our Reign, 1660.

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